

STUDENT MEAL CHARGES

The Board desires to allow children to receive the nutrition they need to stay focused during the school day, minimize identification of children with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the District's food service account. This policy sets forth how the District will handle situations where children do not have money in their account to cover the cost of their meal at the time of service.

The District shall communicate with the parents of students regarding meal balances. Specifically, parents shall receive notification when the student's meal balance reaches \$10. Students may charge meals to a negative balance equivalent to the cost of two breakfasts and two lunches.

Meal prices displayed for 2017-2018 school year

Schools	Breakfast	Lunch	Maximum
Elementary	2 X \$1.20	2 X \$2.50	\$7.40
Middle School	2 X \$1.75	2 X \$3.00	\$9.50
High School	2 X \$1.95	2 X \$3.35	\$10.60
Reduced Meals (All	2 X \$0.30	2 X \$0.40	\$1.40

When the maximum negative balance is reached, the parents/guardians/custodians of the student will be contacted by the District. The student will be provided with an alternative meal and milk. After a fifth alternative meal, the Food Service Supervisor will contact the family and the student will no longer receive meals until the account is sufficiently funded.

With the exception of milk, students may only purchase snack or a la carte items with cash if they have a positive account balance.

If a negative balance remains unpaid for four weeks or more, the Board reserves the right to take legal action to collect on the debt.

This policy is to be provided in writing to all households at the start of each school year and to households transferring to the District during the school year. A copy of this policy shall also be provided to all District staff responsible for its enforcement.

LEGAL REFS: Unpaid Meal Charges: Local Meal Charge Policies, United States Department of Agriculture, SP 46-2017.

Adopted: January 10, 2018